



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION IX  
75 Hawthorne Street  
San Francisco, CA 94105

October 23, 2008

**RE: INVITATION TO APPLY  
FY 2009 General Assistance Program (GAP) Notice of Availability of Funds  
Request for Letter of Intent for 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal EPA Conference Co-sponsorship**

Dear Tribal Chairperson:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 Tribal Program Office is pleased to announce the FY 2009 grant funding notification for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP).

**General Assistance Program Grants**

Should you decide to apply for FY 2009 GAP funds, **the grant proposal is due by December 19, 2008 and must be submitted into the GAP Online system.** As in previous years, we are asking current GAP recipients whose grants expire in 2011 or later to consider submitting two-year GAP proposals. If funding is available, some two year proposals will be funded. You will be notified in writing of approved funding amounts, and final applications and work plans will be due no later than **April 17, 2009.**

**Region 9 Tribal EPA Conference Co-sponsorship**

In addition, we are requesting a letter of intent if you would like to consider co-sponsoring the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9 Tribal EPA Conference in the Fall of 2010. We hope you will consider applying for this co-sponsorship opportunity. **This letter of intent is due to our office by December 19, 2008.**

For further information regarding this Invitation to Apply, please contact your Tribal Program Office project officer. A list of project officers and their phone numbers are included as an attachment in this GAP grant notification. We look forward to working with you on the development of your tribal environmental program.

Sincerely,

Jean Gamache, Manager  
Tribal Program Office

Enclosures

cc: Tribal Environmental Directors (w/enclosures)